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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/511,564	JOSHI ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
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Period for Reply

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 February 2009.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 13-15,20-26 and 30-37 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) 34,35 and 37 is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 14,20,26 and 36 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) 13,15,21-25 and 30-33 is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some * c) None of:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 2/10/09.

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.

5) Notice of Informal Patent Application

6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 2/10/09 has been entered.

Rejection of claims 13-15, 20-26 and 30-33 under 35 USC 112 first paragraph is withdrawn

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 14, 20, 26 and 36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Griffin et al (Journal of the American chemical society 1962, Vol 84 p 1012-15).

On page 1014 Griffin et al describe preparation of the dimethyl amide of 1,2,3,4-cyclobutanecarboxylic acid (see page 1014, column 2, 5th full paragraph titled "Preparation of the Acid Chloride XIII...") Recrystallization of the tetra-amide is done

from ether-benzene mixture which meets the limitation directed to excipient. The claim limitation does not require the excipient to be pharmaceutically acceptable. The preamble recitation of pharmaceutical preparation is given broadest reasonable interpretation which includes intermediates for making pharmaceutical compounds. 1,2,3,4-(tetradimethylamide)-cyclobutane in benzene-ether mixture therefore meets the limitations of the instant claims.

Objection to claims

Claims 13, 15, 21-25, 30, 31, 32, 33 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Allowed claims

Claims 34, 35 and 37 are allowed.

Conclusion

Claims 13-15, 20-26 and 30-37 are pending

Claims 14, 20, 26 and 36 are rejected

Claims 13, 15, 21-25, 30, 31, 32, 33 are objected to

Claims 34, 35 and 37 are allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Yevgeny Valenrod whose telephone number is 571-272-9049. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30am-5:00pm M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Daniel Sullivan can be reached on 571-272-0779. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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